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## **I-95 BRIDGE AT US 17 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AWARDED**

**Richmond Hill** – Georgia Department of Transportation’s District and State Engineers have been working diligently to identify a permanent repair solution for the I-95 Bridge at Exit 87 over US 17/SR 25 in Richmond Hill. Bridge repairs are needed due to damage sustained on July 2<sup>nd</sup> by a commercial vehicle carrying an excavator that struck the overpass. The I-95/US 17 emergency bridge reconstruction contract was awarded on July 28<sup>th</sup> to L.C. Whitford of Alpharetta.

This 1.4 million dollar maintenance repair project on the interstate bridge crossing over US 17 includes removal and replacement of sections of span two, located over US 17 northbound, for removal and replacement of beams 1 through 7 and beams 8 and 9 will be retained and repaired with heat straightened among other corrective work.

The estimated timeframe for the repair work to begin is in mid-September, due to the fabrication time of the steel substructure to the specific specifications needed for this project. Thirty day contract completion is expected once the contractor begins work, if the weather permits.

The Georgia DOT is taking every precaution possible to ensure the safety of the traveling public that navigates this section of I-95 at US 17/SR 25, the single lane closure on US 17 northbound and the deceleration lane on the bridge for exit 87 on I-95 southbound will remain in place until further notice. All lane and/or road closure notification during the repair phase will be forthcoming.

We ask the public to be patient during this time and find alternate routes in lieu of US17 northbound at I-95 overpass.



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